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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
LABERGERIE et al.)
Serial No.: 09/735,092) Art Unit: 1761
Filed: PCT filing date: 31/05/00) Examiner: L. WONG

FOR: DEXTROSE HYDRATE IN POWDER FORM AND A PROCESS FOR
THE PREPARATION THEREOF

DECLARATION UNDER RULE 132

To Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

I, Philippe LEFEVRE, of 3600, route de Merville,
59600 HAVERSKERQUE, France, do solemnly declare:

THAT I am a graduate of the "ECOLE NATIONALE
SUPERIEURE DE CHIMIE" of Lille 59000 - France;

THAT I have been working as chemical engineer since
February 28th, 1985 and that I now hold the position of
manager of the Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Applications
Department at ROQUETTE FRERES;

THAT I am a named inventor on the present patent
application n° 09/735,092, I am fully familiar therewith
and I am competent to give an opinion regarding the
techniques and subject matter thereof;

THAT I have read and understood the Office action
mailed on July 3, 2002 in connection with the patent
application in reference;

THAT I have read and understood the document
WO 94/28181 to Chase et al.;

THAT the crystalline α monohydrate dextrose powders
disclosed in Chase et al. have a compressibility of less

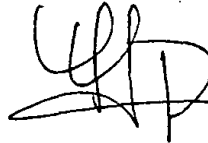
than 70N whereas the dextrose hydrates in powder form of the invention have a compressibility at least equal to 70N;

THAT the crystalline α monohydrate dextrose powders of Chase et al. may be used as a starting material for preparing the dextrose powders of the invention;

I, the undersigned, declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and, further, that these statements were made with the knowledge that wilful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001, of Title 18, of the United States Code, and that such wilful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 20/09/02

Philippe LEFEVRE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'PL' with a stylized flourish underneath.